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- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- 3) References AA to AC are in English. Reference AE corresponds to AA, and AF corresponds to AB, from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AE to AG and AJ to AM are accompanied by English Abstracts. References AH and AJ are discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present specification.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed Search Reports indicate the degree of relevance of references AD, AE, AG, AI and AK to AM by category ("Y" means relevant to obviousness when combined with another reference; and "A" means technological background). Thereby a concise explanation of the relevance has been provided (see MPEP §609).
- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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